up of State Finance Commission and State Election Commission and also setting up of District Planning Committees and Metropolitan Planning Committees are uniform to all States, as these are mandatory provisions prescribed in the Constitution (74th Amendment) Act.

Water supply to Government quarters of CGHS dispensary, Daryaganj

†4628. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that water supply to Government quarters of CGHS dispensary in Daryaganj has been cut due to differences between CPWD and MCD;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received any complaint in this regard; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHIR PON RADHAKRISHNAN) : (a) No, Sir. The water supply to the Government quarters of CGHS dispensary in Daryaganj has not been cut either by CPWD or by Delhi Jal Board (DJB). There are no differences/disputes between the MCD and CPWD regarding water supply.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Yes, Sir. A complaint has been received by the CPWD.

(d) An officer of CPWD met the CMO, Daryaganj dispensary on 22-3-2003. It was explained that the water supply is affected due to shortage in supply of water from Delhi Jal Board and the matter of additional water supply can be taken up with Delhi Jal Board. (DJB).

Maintenance of Nehru Place Greens Park

4629. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU) : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Nehru Place Greens is a park having about 2,000 trees and acts as green lungs for the people residing in neighbouring colonies;

(b) if so, whether Delhi Development Authority is proposing to cut down a large number of trees from the said park;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether before cutting down trees of the park Government propose to interact with the members of the Residents' Welfare Associations of the area to save those trees;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN) : (a) and (b) The Delhi Development Authority has reported that there are about 1365 trees and 720 shrubs of different species in Nehru Place Greens. There is no proposal to cut down the trees. The area developed as green will be maintained as green only.

(c) to (f) Do not arise in view of reply to (a) and (b) above.

Low cost housing for the poor in Karnataka

4630. SHRI H. K. JAVARE GOWDA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the amount allocated and spent with a view to providing low cost housing for the poor in the country for the past three years;

(b) the amount sanctioned and released to Karnataka State for the construction of low cost houses during the last three years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that poor quality of work is an alarming factor in the State and the beneficiaries are not going to enjoy the fruit of various housing schemes in the State; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take for improvement of quality of houses ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN) : (a) and (b) National Housing and Habitat Policy, 1998 envisages the role of a facilitator in housing activity for the Central Government. However, Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO), a public sector enterprise under this Ministry, provides affordable housing finance for housing schemes including those for the weaker sections of the society. The details of HUDCO's operations for Economically Weaker Section/Low Income Group in both Urban and Rural areas throughout the country and in the State of Karnataka during last three years is given in the Statement (*See* below).